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COUNTRY Soviet Zone, Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Training Camp near BITTKAU

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REFERENCES                     

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REMARKS                     

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1. Soviet engineer, infantry and signal units totaling about 3,000 troops were located in a cantonment between BITTKAU (M 53/Y 83) and RINGFURTH (M 53/Y 82) on 23 June 1949.

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4. A pontoon bridge across the Elbe River was seen under construction east of RINGFURTH. Pneumatic rafts (capacity: 6 or 7 troops), assault boats (length: about 16.5 feet) and pontoon-ferries were observed on the river bank.

Passenger car                      and truck                      were parked in the nearby meadow.

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5. [redacted] bridge-building and stream-crossing exercises were regularly held at RINGFORTH. The engineer training was usually held under the protection of an antiaircraft battery from Camp DOLLS (L 53/Y 63). \* 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] Comment: 50X1-HUM
- a. Engineer exercises were also held in the BITTKAU-RINGFORTH area during the summer of 1948. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- component units of both the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and possibly also engineers and units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany were training in this area in June 1949.
- \* b. It appears credible that the engineer exercises may have been protected by antiaircraft artillery. It is assumed that antiaircraft artillery units were located in Camp DOLLS since early May 1949 [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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